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Need for speed

Skiers zoomed down the slopes at Sir Sam's last weekend for their Ski Challenge. Temperatures were warm, but there was plenty of snow to make for a beautiful day in Eagle Lake. TIM TOFFLEMIRE Special to the Echo

New energy could be coming to Haliburton

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

A new type of green energy could be manufactured in Haliburton County in the future.

On Jan. 27 community members gathered at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre to hear about an innovation that

is just being developed by Vince Aurora, owner of the resort.

"Coming into Haliburton, I never thought I'd be bringing inventions too," said Aurora.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said the technology could mean huge possibilities for the area, in terms of economic activity and jobs.

Described as a magnetic flux capacitor

propulsion engine and/or charger, the device has the ability to power homes for approximately 25 years.

Developed at the University of Guelph, the technology has been patented in 27 countries by the World Intellectual Property Organization.

Running on magnetic power, the device

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Man dies in snowmobile accident

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

A 53-year-old man from Highlands East died after the snowmobile he was on went through the ice Friday night.

Thomas Rivers was recovered by the Ontario Provincial Police Underwater Search and Recovery Unit at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 30 in Dark Lake in Highlands East.

According to the Haliburton Highlands OPP, Rivers was travelling with three other people on two separate snowmobiles when the machines broke through the ice at 11:39 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 29.

"Officers attended the scene with members of the Highlands East Fire Department and located three of the four snowmobilers who went through the ice," a news release from the OPP reads.

According to Const. Dianna Dauphinee of the Haliburton Highlands detachment, the other three individuals managed to pull themselves out of the lake prior to police arriving on the scene.

When the USRU located and recovered Rivers on Jan. 30 he was deceased.

OPP say the investigation is ongoing.

Dauphinee told the *Echo* she could not speak to whether the snowmobilers had been consuming alcohol before heading out on Friday night.

When the news of Rivers' death made



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news and events worth noting

As part of the provincial contracts negotiated earlier this school year with elementary and secondary teachers unions, an additional professional activity day is to be included in each school year. This will result in an additional PA day for the 2015-2016 school year. At the Jan. 26 regular meeting of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, Friday, March 11 was approved as the additional PA day for the 2015-2016 school year for elementary and secondary students.

Pancake dinner Tuesday, Feb. 9

St. George's Anglican Church would like to invite the community to share in their 77th annual pancake supper to mark the beginning of Lent and preparation for Easter. The dinner takes place on Tuesday, Feb. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion. There will be no charge. Gluten-free pancakes will be available. Proceeds from any donations will go to local community outreach or the Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship. All are welcome. Come share with family and friends.

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Treasurer cashes out

County Warden Carol Moffatt, right, presents retiring treasurer Laura Janke with a gift as she retires after nearly 15 years with the municipality. Moffatt praised Janke for not only her job with the books, but the key role she played in events such as the county's hosting of the Ontario 55+ Winter Games. Janke's last day was Jan. 27. Janke is succeeded by Elaine Taylor, an accountant with a background in the health-care sector. CHAD INGRAM Staff

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HHOA fish hatchery included in county budget

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Staff Reporter

Haliburton County councillors passed the municipality's 2016 budget during a Jan. 27 meeting and that budget includes a \$10,000 grant for the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association for the operation of the Haliburton fish hatchery.

The budget totals about \$21 million, approximately \$14.3 million of which will be levied through taxation.

The county tax rate will increase by 3.85 per cent for 2016, or from \$177.85 to \$184.68 for every \$100,000 of assessment on residential properties, and from \$263.70 to \$273.83 for every \$100,000 of assessment on commercial properties.

Two per cent of the increase will contribute \$280,000 to the municipality's reserves, which are sitting at less than \$4 million heading into 2016.

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, which operates the Haliburton fish hatchery, had requested a \$10,000 grant to help with the operation of the facility, which sparked discussion at a Jan. 13 meeting of the county's finance and correspondence committee.

While the county stopped giving grants to outside organizations in 2013, it has continued to provide funding for the hatchery, under the auspices of the tourism department.

As a condition of a \$10,000 grant in 2015, members of the HHOA were to work closely with the tourism department throughout the year to ensure there was communication regarding marketing activities, however, tourism director Amanda Virtanen said this hadn't happened and that the department had to actively seek out information on events and programs.

While Algonquin Highlands Reeve and County Warden Carol Moffatt implied the hatchery was getting special treatment with continued funding, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said the HHOA was different than other organizations because it has a physical asset that is costly to maintain.

Fearrey also stressed the hatchery puts about 30,000 fish into county lakes each year.

Between the committee meeting and the Jan. 27 council meeting, there was a meeting with members of the HHOA and Virtanen said the association acquiesced to the county's request that it do a better job of reaching out and assisting with marketing activities.

The HHOA will receive \$10,000 for 2016. The money will come from \$23,000 the county had over-budgeted for benefits. While the draft budget had included an approximately 10 per cent increase in premiums, based on an estimate from the county's benefits consultant, benefits premiums will increase by 4.4 per cent.

As always, the roads department comprises the largest portion of the county budget at approximately \$5.8 million.

EMS and health services has a budget of \$3.1 million; social services and housing \$1.1 million; the Haliburton

County Public Library \$790,000; administration \$530,000; tourism \$405,000; planning \$330,000; and IT just less than \$300,000.

More than \$210,000 is budgeted for the Haliburton County Rail Trail; \$140,000 for council; \$135,000 for buildings and \$63,000 for forestry/conservation.

The 2016 transfer to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation totals nearly \$1 million.

Some councillors, including Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Daniels, were not prepared to pass the budget last week, wanting more discussion.

"There has been no opportunity for council as a whole to really discuss the budget in depth," Daniels said.

Daniels, who sits on the county's medical professional recruitment committee, has said while there is some money in reserves for the purpose, the county will need to come up with more money for recruitment activities as some doctors begin to leave to Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team.

"We need to make a long-term commitment," Daniels said.

While Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin supported passing the budget last week, he said in the future, changes needed to be made in the way the budget was brought forward.

If councillors need to have a discussion about physician recruitment funding, for example, they should be doing that before being asked to approve the budget.

Devolin, who pointed to the Lean Six Sigma cost-efficiency exercises undertaken in the City of Kawartha Lakes, said there needs to be a larger philosophical discussion about municipal finances.

Devolin pointed to mandated salary and benefit increases for staff.

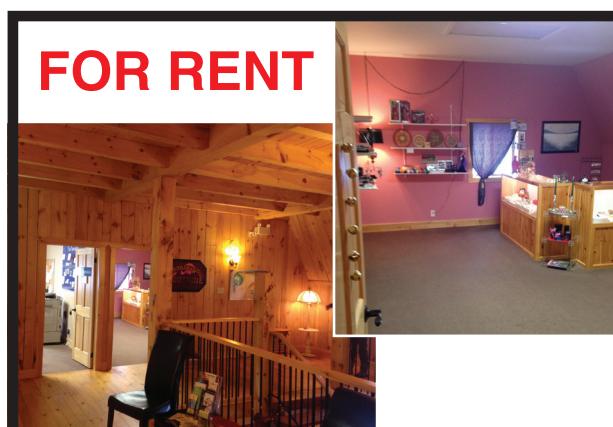
In the EMS department and health services department, where the budget increased from \$2.8 to \$3.1 million, "85 per cent of the increase is wages and benefits," he said.

"This is a monster that's going to consume us. This can't continue. I know structurally, we need to give this house, top to bottom, a serious look."

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I know structurally, we need to give this house, top to bottom, a serious look.

— Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin



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Ice conditions unreliable

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its way through the community, messages of grief began pouring in on social media.

On the Echo's Facebook page, Daryl Sands wrote "Olivia Sands, Tom was the nice gentleman who came to help you out when 'Bluebaru' wouldn't start for you," referring to his daughter.

Yvonne Le Page wrote that Rivers would be missed by many.

Many organizations are reminding recreation enthusiasts to stay off the ice, as milder temperatures this winter has left ice conditions unpredictable and thinner than usual.



news

Success is all about attitude: Larter

JENN WATT

Editor

Meeting Oprah Winfrey was on Lisa Larter's bucket list, so when she heard the famed talk show host was coming to Ottawa, she started planning.

While most people would buy a ticket to Winfrey's show or stand outside to catch a glimpse of her coming out of the hotel, Larter thought bigger.

She and a friend figured out where Winfrey was staying and negotiated a price with the hotel to throw a celebration party dedicated to Oprah. Each woman recruited five speakers who would pay \$500 to get on stage, which covered the cost of the space. Then they got in touch with Winfrey's company, Harpo, to discuss legalities of using the Oprah name. In the end, 400 people showed up to event, the venue was paid off and Larter got to meet Oprah Winfrey.

"Meeting Oprah was a big challenge, so in my mind I'm thinking about 'how can I make this happen?'" said Larter in a phone interview from her winter home in Florida.

"I just believe that you need to set big goals and go after them."

And while meeting Winfrey was an impressive feat, it's relatively minor compared to what Larter's accomplished in the last decade: the newly released best-selling book *Pilot to Profit*, a successful career in telecommunications, an online retail store and a lucrative consulting venture.

Born and raised in Haliburton, Larter always had a knack for sales and a penchant for entrepreneurship. At age 12 she got her first job at Banks' General Store on Pine Avenue, which she kept for exactly one day until it was discovered that she was too young to be working.

But she wanted to make money, so young Lisa found a way around it.

"I took all my toys, my books, crafts, to the flea market and I started selling things at the Haliburton flea market to be able to buy the things that I wanted," she said.

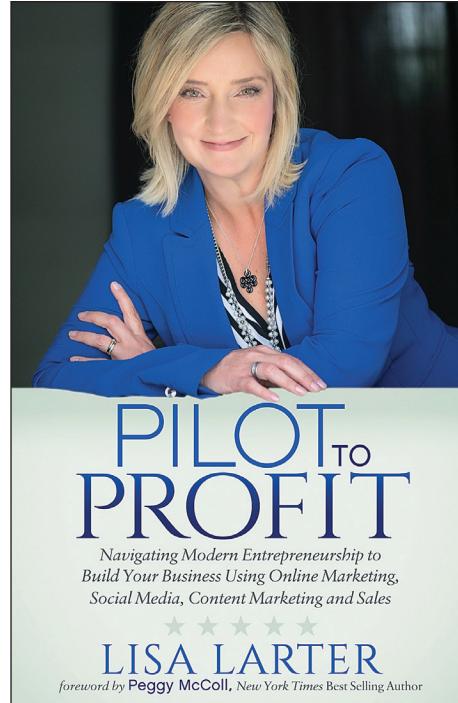
She went on to work at the Molou and then Stedman's, where she would actively strive to sell product, chatting up customers and finding ways to get them interested in merchandise.

"Here I am, 13 years old, and I'm dressing the windows at Stedman's and I am taking people who say they're just looking and I'm trying to figure out how to get them to buy something," she said.

Her mother, Donna Larter, was raising her daughter by herself and working at the veneer plant in Wilberforce. There wasn't much extra money when the bills were paid, meaning if Lisa wanted something, she needed to make the money herself.

Not everything went smoothly. Larter moved in Ottawa for her final year of high school and ended up quitting before she had completed Grade 13. In her 20s, there were times when she lived in overdraft and was awash in overdue bills.

While school had taught her much, it hadn't given her the practical skills related to business, she says.



Pilot to Profit is Lisa Larter's bestselling book targeting entrepreneurs. She gives advice on how to move your business forward in the digital age. Image submitted

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There's a lot of guilt that comes along with success for business owners.

— Lisa Larter

She had to learn it herself.

Over the years, Larter worked in retail and in the telecommunications industry and then went out on her own in 2006, running her own company. Since then, she's embarked on a whirlwind of endeavours. She created her own online business. She became a business consultant. She gave speeches to other entrepreneurs. She became a social media expert. Then she wrote a book.

Published on Jan. 5, *Pilot to Profit: Navigating Modern Entrepreneurship to Build Your Business Using Online Marketing, Social Media, Content Marketing and Sales* was immediately a bestseller on Amazon.

The book covers four main areas: business foundations, content creation, selling to people and social media.

"A lot of business owners, they start a business with a great idea but nobody has ever taught them how to sell," says Larter.

Much of what holds people back are attitudes they formed early in life — beliefs that have to be identified and addressed before progress can happen, she says.

One of those attitudes is that making money is bad.

"You don't really have a business until you start making money and a lot of



Haliburton's Lisa Larter has had a whirlwind career in business since leaving the Highlands when she was in Grade 13. She recently published a book, *Pilot to Profit*, which was an instant bestseller on Amazon when it was released on Jan. 5. Photo submitted

entrepreneurs are uncomfortable monetizing what they do because we've been taught for so long that money doesn't grow on trees and you should get a job and stay with your job and be happy with what you have ... so there's a lot of guilt that comes along with success for business owners," she says.

One's upbringing often informs a person's attitudes, which feed into feelings that lead to actions; it's incredibly important not to let oneself be held down by self-imposed limitations, she says.

"When I left Haliburton my big crazy very audacious goal was I want to make \$50,000 a year by the time I was 30. The year that I was 30 I made \$350,000," she says. "Then for the next few years I stagnated."

It was because Larter had already surpassed what she thought she was capable of. She had to redefine her goals. "So, you have to stretch that upper limit and start to dream bigger."

New technology has made entrepreneurship simpler for those wanting to go out on their own, particularly for those wanting to live in small, rural places.

Larter left Haliburton as a teenager and moved to the city — Ottawa — but it wasn't long until she decided to settle in a small place once more. Because of the Internet and the far-reaching powers of Twitter, Facebook and other social media, she is able to work from wherever she likes.

"I moved my business from Ottawa to Nova Scotia in 2015 and I had a 23 per cent increase in business from 2014 to 2015. Living in a small town didn't limit my business at all, but people said to me, aren't you afraid you're going to lose business if you're not in Ottawa anymore? Didn't affect me," she says.

Larter's book, *Pilot to Profit*, is published by Morgan James Publishing. Details about where to buy it (including Amazon.com, Chapters Indigo and more) can be found at <http://lisalarter.com/book>.

Local musher begins Yukon Quest

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

It won't be Hank DeBruin's first time embarking on a 1,000 mile (1,600 kilometre) trek across the tundra, but that doesn't make the task any less daunting.

To say the quiet, 53-year-old musher has been thinking about the Yukon Quest for the past couple of months is a understatement.

The owner/operator of Winterdance Dogsled Tours, a 20-year-old business he runs with his wife Tanya McCready-DeBruin, DeBruin has been intently focused on the race, which begins in Fairbanks, Alaska, and ends in Whitehorse, since he began training last fall.

With the race beginning on Feb. 6, it is DeBruin's goal to finish the quest in 11 days and place in the top 10.

With a maximum of 50 mushers allowed to enter the Yukon Quest, only 25 have signed up this year, a testament to how gruelling the race can be, both physically and mentally.

In preparation for the feat, DeBruin has been taking his team of Siberian huskies out for 50-plus mile runs since September, he told the *Echo*.

While training started well, the mild winter weather hindered the process in December.

"The team should have been doing 50-plus mile runs then but just couldn't because it was a) too warm and b) the dirt is far more abrasive on their feet than snow so you just can't run that far," wrote McCready-DeBruin in an email to the *Echo*. "So while we have more miles on the team than we have in our first 1,000 mile races, it is less than he [DeBruin] had hoped."

DeBruin and his brother-in-law began their trip to Alaska for the race last week, with McCready-DeBruin planning on meeting them in the coming days.

While the race officially starts on Feb. 6, there are pre-race events such as a banquet that determines what order the racers start in, which mushers must attend.

After that it's game time.

"Friday [Feb. 5] will have the team go for a quick 20 or so mile training run and then packing the sled and getting any last minute items together before hopefully a good night's sleep," said McCready-DeBruin. "Saturday morning we will be at the start line and from then on Hank and the team will only focus on the trail and the next few miles. The team will cover 100 to 120 miles a day and eat 10,000 calories a day. Hank will sleep about two hours a day. Ward and I will focus on getting to each checkpoint before they do, looking after any dogs that Hank drops from the team and cleaning up straw/supplies, etc. that he leaves behind



At the end of January musher Hank DeBruin was getting in as much training as possible for the Yukon Quest on his property, where he runs his business Winterdance Dogsled Tours. DeBruin spent months training his team in preparation for the international race, which is set to begin this weekend. A 53-year-old race veteran, DeBruin is hoping to finish in the top 10. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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It is easy to be engulfed in Hank's race, the dogs, the amazing event called the Yukon Quest.

— Tanya McCready-DeBruin

when he departs a checkpoint. As Hank gets more tired we are also there to offer advice, encouragement and remind him to look after himself. However we cannot physically help him in any way, we are not even allowed to touch the dogs that are still racing."

In the days leading up to his departure DeBruin was still unsure of which 14 huskies would make the final cut for the team, as he had been training approximately 17 for the race. If a dog gets injured or sick during the Yukon Quest, it cannot be replaced. DeBruin announced his team via Twitter while on the road to Alaska, with the final selection including Aster, Hosta, Blitz, Charlie, Scully, Maverick, Zeus, K2, Viper, Jester, Jed, Wyatt, Howler and Garrett.

Many of the team members, such as Maverick, are veterans at racing, making the decision of which ones to choose that



All eyes on the Yukon Quest. The Siberian Huskies that belong to Hank DeBruin's Yukon Quest team are ready to begin the 1,000 mile race that starts in Fairbanks, Alaska and ends in Whitehorse, Yukon. DeBruin and his team, which consists of 14-16 dogs, have run a number of international races before, including the Iditarod. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

much harder, said McCready-DeBruin.

A vet check by Haliburton's Laurie Brown prior to the departure gave DeBruin peace of mind knowing all of his dogs were in top shape and meant they could bypass the race check.

In the weeks leading up to his departure from Haliburton County, DeBruin was feeling both excited and worried about what lay ahead of him.

McCready-DeBruin felt similarly, but also is very worried about her husband as he embarks on the gruelling adventure.

"Leaving is always very hard, but once there it is easy to be engulfed in Hank's race, the dogs, the amazing event called the Yukon Quest and the incredible scenery and people that make the event what it is," she wrote. "I worry a fair bit too - about Hank and the dogs, and about what is going on back home. You also become fast friends with handlers from other teams so worry for their mushers if they haven't moved in a while or push an emergency button on their GPS."

The Yukon Quest has taken place every February for more than 30 years, with mushers travelling the distance across wilderness trail.

According to the race's official website, the Yukon Quest takes place regardless of

weather conditions and is typically completed in nine to 14 days.

When DeBruin ran the Yukon Quest in 2014 he placed eighth, completing the quest in just under 13 days. Racers come from all over the world. This year the team from Winterdance Dogsled Tours will be taking Marilyn Hubley with them, after she won a contest that earned her a trip to the Quest.

A longtime supporter of DeBruin and his business, Hubley was "over the moon" when her name was pulled, said McCready-DeBruin.

"Marilyn has supported our team since the very first Iditarod in 2010 and volunteers at the Dogsled Derby as well, so it was so nice to see her win," said McCready-DeBruin. To follow along with DeBruin as he takes on the Yukon Quest, visit Winterdance's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/winterdancedogsledtours.

Results and tracking will also be posted on the official Yukon Quest page at www.yukonquest.com.

Anyone interested in sponsoring DeBruin and his team can do so by visiting www.gofundme.com/winterdance-quest.

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Aurora presents two inventions

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has to be plugged in to start, eventually running on its own energy.

Aurora said the concept has been supported by Stephen Hawking.

"We're thinking this will be supporting solar panels, but takes way less space," said Aurora.

The device has a life expectancy of 20 years, and upwards of 30 to 50 years, he said.

Aurora, who bought the Pinestone Resort recently with his son Ravi, said he has been supported by Fearrey with the hopes of bringing the technology to the area.

"This is all going to be made in Haliburton ... so we'll be able to create lots of jobs," said the entrepreneur.

The device requires no maintenance, he said.

While the businessman is confident about the product and its future, he said it's too early to know when it will be manufactured or sold.

"I can't talk numbers yet," he said.

In addition to energy technology, Aurora also introduced the crowd to a second invention he is behind, a sterilizer machine which can be used in health care.

Aurora hopes to manufacture the invention in Haliburton County as well.

The company behind both prototypes is called GEO Aurora, which is a partnership between Aurora and the scientists behind the technology.

The inventions have been patented, but are in the process of getting CSA approval, said Rodger Zigmond, technical advisor.

Haliburton resident David Bishop Sr. asked Aurora what type of support the entrepreneur was looking for from Haliburton. The business owner said he was looking for assistance and support from the municipality and community.

Asked what the retail price will be, Aurora said that information is not known yet.

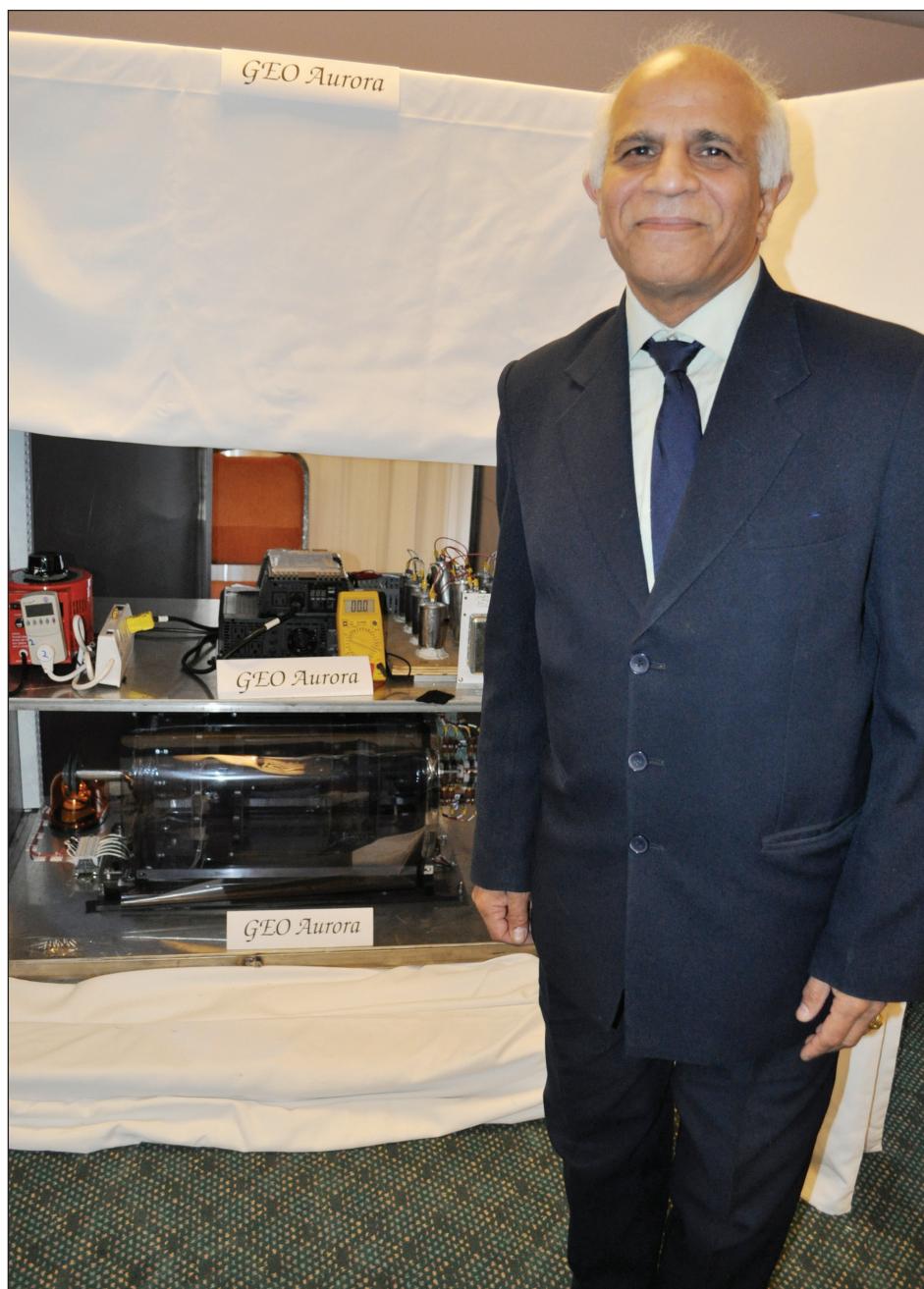
In terms of required capital needed, Aurora said it will require \$30- to \$40-million to develop the technology.

"Do you have other investors lined up?" asked Eric Egoetz, who works in the private equity sector.

Aurora said not yet, but that he was hoping to get other countries investing in the technology. Looking at a timeline, Aurora said he believes the product's development will take about a year.

According to Zigmond, the National Research Council has put money forward to help develop the technology.

Haliburton County Development Corporation board chairman Andrew Hodgson thanked Aurora for wanting to invest in Haliburton with his new technology.



Vince Aurora debuted his new energy device at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre on Jan. 27, announcing his plans to manufacture the machine in Haliburton. Aurora, who is one half of GEO Aurora, the company behind the technology, says the magnetic flux capacitor propulsion engine will transform the way people power their homes. The technology has been patented. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

"The development corporation has a proud history of supporting any kind of business, big, small," said Hodgson. "We want to be supportive. We want to be helpful. We'd love to see jobs in Haliburton. So as you move through and get the due diligence, you can count on us to do whatever we can to support you."

Aurora said since he's arrived to Haliburton he's found a supportive community, which he likens to a family.

"I decided to join this family and be a part of the family," he said.

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This is all going to be made in Haliburton ... so we'll be able to create lots of jobs.

— Vince Aurora

Rail Trail group to hold retrospective at Rails End Gallery

Rails End Gallery is hosting a five-year retrospective of the work of Friends of the Rail Trail on Sunday, Feb. 7 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Titled Re-Member FoRT, the event is a casual coffee and cake social for new or renewing members of FoRT and other interested people.

Friends of the Rail Trail began almost by accident in February 2007 with a community supper at Camp Wanakita that attracted an audience of 85. At the time, there was no idea how it might spin off. The evening was called Critters and Trestles because it highlighted the rail corridor's wildlife diversity and railway history.

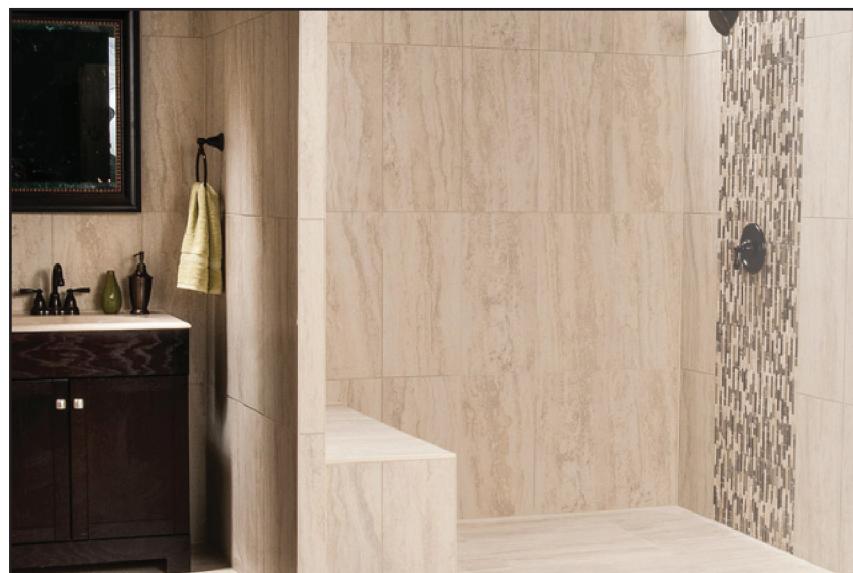
A FoRT committee formed as part of the Co-op the following year and soon there were Sunday Rambles and a series of other events with quirky titles such as the astronomy evening called Dark Skies in the Lochlin Flats, or the Ghost Railway Paddling Tour. Over the years from then until May 2013, FoRT led more than 50 events and activities, and then stepped back for a few years to develop the Toronto to Algonquin Greenway (TAG) concept.

Now they are Re-Membering FoRT — pun intended. Looking ahead, the Sunday Rambles are returning in 2016, each a unique guided walk of a different section of the Haliburton County Rail Trail, and each with a unique lunch. Après — one to look forward to on April 17 is a ticketed full-course lunch at Wanakita, bringing them back to where they began.

For those who attended the recent Slow Travel presentation, this Sunday's Re-Member FoRT coffee and cake social will be an opportunity to continue the conversations started that evening. Membership in FoRT will complement efforts in other communities along the TAG route to apply for funding to develop this sustainable tourism project that "invites discovery of Ontario's scenery, heritage and hospitality."

TAG links existing parks, paths and excursion routes to hike, bike and paddle at any level of ability, from a day trip to a multi-day adventure."

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Options

by Darren Lum

Be a 'Big'

BIG BROTHERS Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes Haliburton needs the men of this county to join them in their mission of empowering kids and teenagers to fulfill their potential.

The organization, which has served this county for the last 20 years, finds itself with a list of kids ("Littles") in need of adult male role models ("Bigs") across the Highlands.

Although Big Brothers Big Sisters also serves girls, they have been able to match women with girls, but haven't had enough men come forward to fill the need.

Across the county, 18 kids are on the waiting list to have a positive role model and mentor sign up. Most of those are boys.

Alyssa Wilson, a case manager with the organization's Haliburton/Lindsay branch, says in some cases, time is running out to match the Littles waiting for Bigs. She's seen cases of young people who waited so long that they grew up without ever having a mentor.

The kids and teens are often referred to the agency by the schools, but also sometimes by family members. The role of the Big is to engage the young person in conversation and friendship, to set an example of someone who is responsible and caring.

Often, the young people in the program will be at high risk for dropping out of school or having

attendance issues for a variety of reasons. Having someone solid and consistent in their lives can be the difference between giving up and moving forward.

The commitment is enough to be meaningful, but is hardly burdensome.

Big Brothers Big Sisters asks that the mentor and mentee meet up once a week for three hours. Together, they can do any sort of activity based on mutual interests. It could be building a sandcastle, baking cookies, tossing a football or learning to skate. Chatting over hot chocolate on a cold day or flying a kite at the park can provide a break from stresses in everyday life for both the Big and the Little and is the joy of the program.

Over the years, the *Echo* has written several stories about these Big Brothers or Big Sisters partnerships and we often

hear that the pair keep lifelong connections that have mutual benefit.

The organization is flexible about timelines, accommodating snowbird schedules and other breaks in the weekly commitment.

If you're able and interested, Big Brothers Big Sisters wants to hear from you.

The difference you could make in a young person's life is profound and incredibly worthwhile. You can contact Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes Haliburton at 705-324-6800.

Editorial



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The moon

SHINE LIKE THE MOON.
Move among the stars like
the full moon unhindered. – Rumi

Ayurveda is an ancient health care tradition that has been practiced in India for at least 5,000 years. The word comes from the Sanskrit terms ayur (life) and veda (knowledge). Ayurvedic medicine has evolved over the years, and is integrated with practices like yoga. I recently read an article that referred to how in Ayurvedic medicine our senses are the gateways between the outer world around us and inner being. I didn't think much about it at the time but as I drove out to do a yoga class in the Mongolian yurt at Abbey Gardens on the full moon, I think I understood what that statement meant.

I was driving on the road to the yurt at about 6 p.m. and the full moon had just risen above the trees and was in perfect view. It was huge and yellow and the sight of it took my breath away. It was so beautiful and bright and it felt very magical as I stepped out of my car to check it out. It was a lovely cold winter evening and I just stood there and my senses were wide open and in some way I felt more alive, brighter and shining just like that moon.

Maybe that is why we all feel better when we are surrounded by beauty in nature and in art. Somehow that experience outside of us informs our inner being through our senses.

On that same full moon evening more than 50 people gathered at Moosewoods to ski by the moonlight.

*Tales from
the great*



Lynda
Shadbolt

Once again Carolyn Ellis lit the path to the warming hut with ice candles. People brought snacks, the fire was going, the skiing was amazing and the moon was so bright.

After I did the yoga at the yurt I went to Moosewoods for a ski. It was a totally different experience of the moon that was much higher and smaller in the sky. It was equally amazing and inspiring and we moved through the woods, by the ponds and along the trails. The moon is fascinating and has inspired so much music, art, poetry and stories over the years and it is up in there in the sky and everyone can enjoy it.

Abbey Gardens is offering a series of Full Moon Adventures in February, March and April. All the information is on their website, www.abbeygardens.ca. Their yurt is cozy, warm and feels very special. Their staff make everyone feel welcome and taken care of.

On another note, I had my dinner with David Francey before his concert in Haliburton. He is a lovely, gracious man who really loved being in Haliburton. I watched

the Folk Society executive welcome him and his band members graciously with a delicious homemade meal and some conversations about his travels and our town. The show was sold out and what I enjoyed were his stories, his humour and all the songs he wrote about loving his wife. My heart was filled right up. My senses took his presence and music in and I am a happier person because of it. Thanks Haliburton Folk Society! You make our community richer one concert at a time.

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points of view

Forced marches

SHOULDN'T we call this rain-shoeing?" I said. Frankly, I thought this was a darn good question. But, despite the fact we were snowshoeing in the rain, Jenn and my daughter Carmen did not see the logic in this. Instead, they merely rolled their eyes in unison and continued trudging onwards, as if trying to distance themselves even further from me and my brilliant observation.

To be honest, there were quite a few odd things about our snowshoeing excursion that day – not the least of which was that you didn't really need to wear snowshoes at all on that hard-packed, snow-deprived trail.

The good news is there were other people in denial too. Each, like us, had likely invested hard-earned dollars in snowshoes and could wait no longer for large dumps of snow to make us look less ridiculous. So we pretended that snowshoes were necessary to traverse the trails.

Thankfully, at times like this, there is great strength in numbers. You see others trudging along wearing snowshoes and you say to yourself, "Thank goodness I have snowshoes on. Otherwise it would be nigh impossible to travel through this unforgiving wilderness."

And just when you have almost convinced yourself of this, the thought gets ruined by two people who casually walk by, without the aid of snowshoes, with their dog. Sure, they look pleasant enough as they greet you and stroll past but, deep down, you know they are thinking, "Snowshoes? Whatever for?"

Honestly, I was hoping they had huge feet. Sadly, however, they did not.

And that, for me, was the final straw. So, I took my snowshoes off and walked like a normal person.

Jenn looked at me and understood completely. Then she thought what all snowshoers think when someone decides to go au naturale. She thought, "Since he's not snowshoeing, I can probably get him to carry things for me."

Then she handed me her scarf.

"Would you please carry this for me?" she said. "I'm overheating."

Like all men, I relish the thought of carrying items for my woman – the heavier the better in fact. Not only does it give me purpose, but it also allows me to showcase muscles that sometimes get taken for granted or laughed at. Yes, carrying things for her makes me feel very manly.

As scarves go, this was a heavy one too.

Having said that, I think this is also a good time to mention the scarf in question was also a very feminine, frilly, type of scarf. In short, it was the type that no outdoorsman of my reputation would ever wear in the course of a normal day afield – had it not been for the fact that my hands were full of snowshoes.

So, I wrapped that scarf rakishly around my neck twice, even though the teal blue portion of it clashed with my eyes, and headed bravely down the trail, with snowshoes slung ruggedly over my shoulders.

There I was, the very picture of a confused outdoorsman.

As luck would have it, we promptly met another dog walker.

He was a fellow I had met before but we didn't know each other very well at all. For instance, I didn't know he had an old golden retriever and he was probably unaware that I don't typically wear frilly women's scarves.

I say this now because I was so enamoured with his dog and the ensuing conversation that I, in fact, totally forgot I was wearing Jenn's scarf. Therefore, I failed to mention I was just carrying it to be chivalrous.

Even now I wince at what he must have thought upon walking away from that unintended meeting in the woods.

I suspect he probably walked down the trail towards the parking lot shaking his head and giggling uncontrollably to himself. And he probably drove home and told his wife all about the embarrassing encounter too.

To which she probably replied, "You're kidding? They were snowshoeing?"



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

Jack Robertson had this house built overlooking Head Lake in 1936. This photo was taken the next year. The new condo in Haliburton is right behind where this house is today. Jack planted potatoes in the first year where the lawn would go. Notice the car and the outhouse. Joe Roberts lived in the house across the road. Submitted by Jacqueline Metcalf

letters to the editor

Sorry tournament over

To the Editor,

I have lived part time in Haliburton County for 20 years. I was a linesman in the NHL for 25 years (from 1972 to 1997). I was sorry to hear that Scotty's tournament was cancelled. I refereed a few of the all-star games at the end of the tournament for about three years in a row to help out and raise money for the charity. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Scotty publicly for including me in helping him raise money for this great cause.

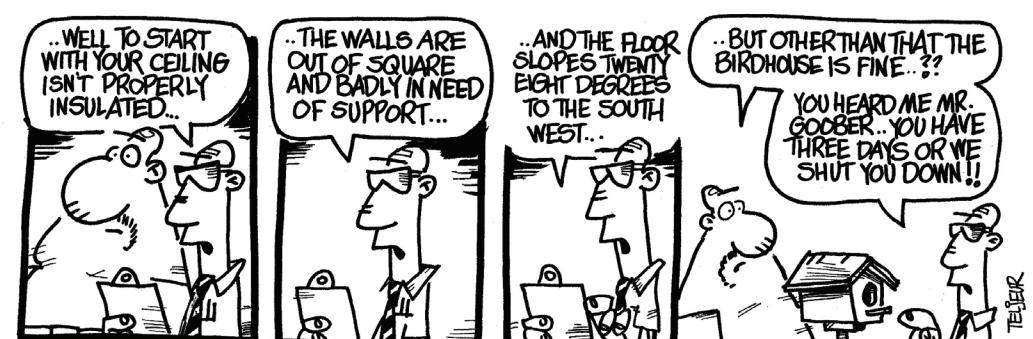
On another subject, I would like to suggest to the Haliburton County councillors that it should be a no-brainer on what to do about the tourist centre and the fish hatchery funding. It is obvious that

the tourist centre should be closed because most people go online to find out about places they might want to go to. As far as seniors go, I am one myself. Most of us have computers or iPhones. You can save \$62,000 by doing this and putting \$20,000 in fish hatchery instead of \$10,000. Fishing brings more people into the county and that means more money spent in the area. The more fish the more people. The rest of the money could be put towards Community Support Services which was lost due to the cancellation of the tournament.

Bob Hodges

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Skeptical about new technology announcement

To the Editor
RE: *Deus ex machina*

I was present during the "press conference" held at Pinestone on last Wednesday, Jan. 27.

I did not know what it would be about but was anticipating an understandable presentation. In my opinion the presentation was not professionally done nor was it in my opinion informative.

The presentation was in regard to two "machines" (one complete with red blinking

lights) that would be of great significance, not just to Haliburton, but to the whole world (if they worked).

The description of these machines and what they could do and how they did it was very nebulous and somewhat mysterious but the first was touted as being able, once started, on its own to produce storable power through a type of magnetic flux system and as to the other able to destroy "superbugs," including the zika virus.

The operation of each was said to be simple

and highly effective.

There apparently is a "possible" pending deal for orders for the generator type machine with India and hopefully with Ghana.

There was a general request to the community to be supportive of the technology and hopefully with such support to have these units produced in Haliburton. The type of support was not fully outlined but possibly involves transferring some land.

If such technology can be proven to be real and effective it certainly deserves support

but, based on what I got out of the release and some research, keep in mind that "if it sounds too good to be true" or "the proof of the pudding is in the eating" or as someone once said to me "don't eat that, Elmer, that's horse ..."

The only power that I am aware of that can create something out of nothing is not readily believed in, so until I see more I'm from Missouri.

David M. Bishop

The dance with cancer

To the Editor,

"Changing the Metaphor" is a perfect headline for an important editorial, which explores Alanna Mitchell's new book, based on the cancer experience of local philanthropist, John Patterson. As a cancer survivor of twenty years, I often think of my experience and share the insights in *Malignant Metaphor*. I came to realize in an intense way that a diagnosis of cancer doesn't open a battle or fight, but as the

book suggests, a dance. And believe me, the survivor isn't the "lead" in that delicate dance. I also would like to shine a spotlight on Princess Margaret Hospital, with their amazing surgeons, oncologists, nurses, dietitians, and other team members who treat cancer with world class treatment modalities and good, old Canadian kindness and respect.

Michael Fay
Minden

ACM wins Houzz award

ACM Designs of Haliburton, has won Best Of Customer Service on Houzz, the leading platform for home remodelling and design. The local design firm was chosen by the more than 35 million monthly unique users that comprise the Houzz community from among more than one million active home building, remodeling and design industry professionals.

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It is truly a pleasure to provide affordable, safe, and functional design solutions for my client's city, country or lakeside homes," said Andria Cowan Molyneaux, accredited interior decorator, designer and certified aging in place specialist (CAPS), ACM Designs.

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Things were different in the 'good old days'

Winter has finally arrived. Snow, cold temperatures and wind equals moaning, groaning and a lot of complaining. Snow also equals outdoor winter activities. So as Canadians we find a way through it and survive.

Recently, I watched the news about a gentleman who has invented a plastic frame for an igloo (some assembly required) that children can use outdoors and not worry about any large chunks of ice caving in and collapsing on them to cause a near death situation. Well, I guess kids can now build igloos without any danger.

It got me thinking: How did I ever get through my childhood and survive wicked winter seasons or sweltering summer days?

First off, school – I started kindergarten at the age of four (turning five in December) and I walked a couple of miles to school (remember those?) on my own every day. I managed to cross roads on my own or sometimes with a friend of the same age. There was one crosswalk and I knew to look both ways before crossing and pointing my arm and finger out so cars would stop. Remember the rhyme that was drilled into our heads "Look both ways before you cross the street, use your eyes and your ears before you move your feet!" Elmer the safety Elephant's rule of thumb!

There was no cellphone to consistently text my mother to say.. I am now 50 feet down the road, I am now at the crosswalk, I am now crossing the bridge, I am now on the school grounds. I am now in the school, I am now in my chair at school.

In the winter, my friends and I would climb every snowbank on our way to school which I am sure must have towered 10 feet high. After school, we dug giant holes in the banks to make caves where we could sit for a break if you wished. We also built snow forts from large chunks of snow which were really just massive walls to protect us from being attacked by some pretty hefty snowballs.

Nobody drove us to school, and nobody picked us up. If they did, we were either sick or in trouble from the school.

Lunches – If I stayed for lunch, I ate peanut butter and banana sandwiches. Peanut butter was everywhere in our lunchroom. I would have egg salad, I would have milk. I would have cheese sandwiches. No peanut allergies, no dairy allergies, no egg allergies. There was no tofu, no seaweed, no kale, no alfalfa sprouts.

Illnesses – I was an asthmatic at a very young age and when I was sick with a cold in the winter it developed into bronchial asthma. I was bed-ridden for weeks. Yes, I did receive antibiotics but my mother was also into home remedies. One was called a "mustard plaster" made from two pieces of flannel with hot mustard placed in between then put on my chest in order to help me breathe better. There were no inhalers. It may have helped me with my breath-

ing but it also felt like a fire and it probably burnt my skin. The other remedy was a pot of boiling wine on the stove. I was told to bend my head over it with a small towel placed over my head and slowly breathe in the steam and wine fumes. Perhaps this is why I like red wine!!

Bicycles – I had one old bike and if I was lucky, there may have been one pedal on it. If your brakes didn't work, you had to drag your shoes. Hence a lot of scuffed shoes! Helmets were non-existent. No riding gloves and no mouth guards. Sure, I crashed a few times and still have a few scars on my knees to prove it.

Skating – We had a park close by with an outdoor rink. Most of the time, I walked to the park by myself with my skates already laced up and raced around the rink falling, crashing, and again with no helmet. By the time I would get home, my feet were freezing, possibly a touch of frostbite but instantly would untie my skates, kick them off and sit by the heat register in my bedroom to warm up my feet. (Probably not the best idea, but I survived.)

Dingy – I never did this but my husband did. Method: During the winter season if you wanted to hitch a ride to school and get there faster, you would walk on the road, grab on to the bumper of a moving car going your way and slide along the road holding on. I guess you just let go when the time was right.

Water skiing and swimming – My father was an instructor at a boys' camp during his younger years and therefore upon becoming a parent, he became our teacher. My brother and I were never signed up for swimming lessons. We learned how to swim at the cottage. Hours of playing in the lake and jumping off the dock.

My first experience on water skiing was at the age of 10 behind an 18 hp Johnson with a life preserver that wrapped specifically around the waist. It was a life belt! I fell and wiped out numerous times but somehow managed not to drown.

Firecrackers – On the long weekend in May, we use to call it "Firecracker weekend." Except this particular holiday usually began the week before and it turned into firecracker week. My brother and I were able to purchase firecrackers at the local store (no age limit) and after school that entire week was spent outside by the road lighting firecrackers. I held them in my hands until they went off, or light them with a quick toss in the middle of the street or in the culverts. Wow, how did I ever survive that?

I am sure there are numerous other stories to tell but I believe you get my point. Remember those good old days? I certainly do. Not sure if they were all good but they are now definitely old. Sometimes it amazes me how I got through it but I'm glad I did.

Submitted by Jo-Ann Sloan

Peter Bowers photography showing at Pinestone

JENN WATT

Editor

Some of Peter Bowers's best photographs were composed during the most inconvenient times and circumstances: right after snowfall, during a particularly frigid day, in the earliest hours of dawn.

The results of the sacrifice are stunning with landscape photographs capturing the artwork nature creates, many of which were taken in the Highlands.

Bowers has been a cottager in the area for the last 17 years and in September became a full-time resident of Basshaunt Lake.

A semi-professional photographer, Bowers looks for the special places and situations that make for a breath-taking image, which has been made much easier now that he's a permanent resident.

"When I'm taking pictures it's often really cold or really snowy ... I can take advantage of those situations a lot easier because I'm here," he says.

Bowers has been showing his work at Rhubarb restaurant in Carnarvon with positive results.

"A restaurant is a really good place to show pictures because people sit down and they have time to look at them," he says. "The best feedback is when people buy a picture and you get a handle on what people want."

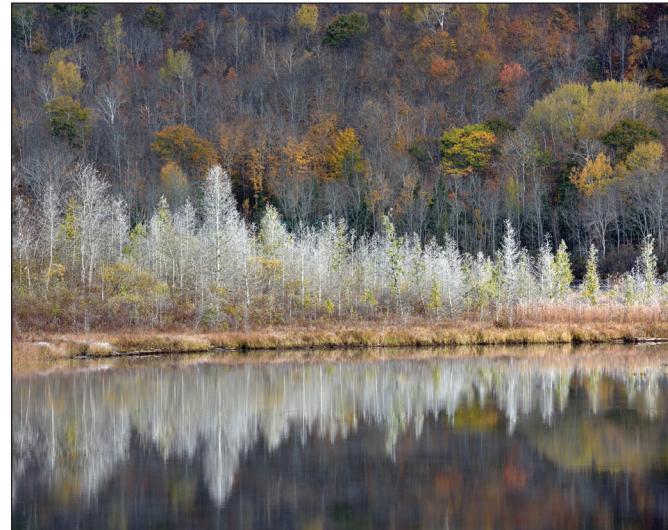
Viewers seem to enjoy images with canoes in them.

"I think that a lot of people have canoeing in their history, especially if you went to camp or something like that. If you have an empty canoe in a picture people put themselves in the canoe in a way."

This month, Bowers is showing more of his photography at the Heatherwood restaurant at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. On Saturday, Feb. 6, there will be a reception from 1 to 3 p.m. where Bowers will be speaking about some of the stories behind the photos. All of the photographs are for sale.



Photos by Peter Bowers



Inaugural Battle of the Bands coming soon to Haliburton

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Get your guitar, drumsticks and singing voice ready.

The first Battle of the Bands is coming to Haliburton in just a few weeks and organizers are looking for you.

Set to take place on Friday, Feb. 19 at the A.J. LaRue Community Centre, the event is a fundraiser for the Haliburton Junction Skatepark.

With plans to revamp and upgrade the popular park located in the village off Maple Avenue, the skatepark committee has been raising funds for months, with a goal of reaching approximately \$100,000. To date they have raised more than \$20,000, said Dysart recreation co-ordinator Andrea Mueller.

She came up with the idea of hosting a Battle of the Bands and committee members Scott Duggan and Kelsey Clarke jumped on board.

Both Duggan and Clarke are not avid skateboarders, but are involved in the initiative because of their interest in youth and wanting to see more recreation opportunities in town.

The battle will involve anyone interested in signing up, whether part of a band or a solo performer. There is no age minimum or maximum.

"There are a few rappers signed up,"

said Duggan.

Performers should have at least one to two songs prepared, but more are welcome.

"It's more of a venue for people to play," he said. "It's going to be friendly competition."

There will be prizes for the performers.

The sound will be provided by Mark Tomlinson of the Haliburton Folk Society. The not-for-profit organization donated Tomlinson's services to the event.

The evening will be hosted by Moose FM's Brett Walker.

Mueller is hoping to have potential designs for the improved skatepark on display at the event, with guests able to weigh in on their preference.

The committee is hoping to start work on the skatepark improvements this spring.

Battle of the Bands starts at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

The event is all ages, which is something Mueller is hoping makes it more popular.

"We want people to showcase their talent and here's a place where you can do that and everyone can attend," said Mueller.

If Battle of the Bands is successful Mueller is hoping to make it an annual event, with funds going towards different initiatives every year.

"There isn't much for youth in our community, in the winter especially," she said. "We're hoping we get a good turnout."



Dysart recreation co-ordinator Andrea Mueller, left, and Junction Skatepark committee member Scott Duggan are urging residents to get their tickets to the upcoming Battle of the Bands. Scheduled for Feb. 19, the first time event is a fundraiser for the village's skatepark revamp. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the municipal office or at the door.

ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Tickets are \$10. Organizers are hoping to draw around 150 people, including performers.

Pizza and pop will be available for purchase at the community centre. There will also be more skate decks available to buy.

Tickets can be purchased at the Dysart municipal office or at the door.

For more information or to sign-up, email Duggan at scott.fg.duggan@gmail.com or contact Mueller at 705-457-1740.



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On a Journey

Above, Rails End Gallery board chairwoman Susanne James speaks to the crowd at the opening reception of Journey, this year's members' show. Looking on is artist Jennifer Mykolyshyn, who hung the show. Journey runs until March 19.

Top left, attendees observe some colourful works during the opening reception of Journey at the Rails End Gallery on Jan. 23. A wood carving of an anguished Toronto Maple Leafs fan by Keith Rydberg was entitled, "The Long and Lonely Road." From watercolour and acrylic paintings to concrete sculpture to walking sticks, the show features a wide variety of media. More than 100 artists and guests came out to the opening reception, to peruse the art, most of which is for sale. CHAD INGRAM Staff



Singer/songwriter David Francey, centre, sings *Come Rain or Come Shine* on Jan. 30 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Put on by the Haliburton County Folk Society, the sold-out concert was a perfect blend of harmony and hilarity. The singer was joined on stage by guitarist Mark Westberg, right, and bango/guitarist Chris Coole. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Francey brings folk songs and fun to Haliburton

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

At times it was difficult to decipher if you were at a concert or a Yuks Yuks comedy night.

When David Francey performed this past Saturday at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion it was a wonderful evening of song, story and at times silliness.

An initiative of the Haliburton County Folk Society, the sold-out concert was a year in the waiting, following a cancellation in January 2015 when Francey had to back out due to health issues.

The Jan. 30 performance marked the singer's first time back on stage performing for an audience and he never missed a beat.

Songs like *Paper Boy*, *The Walking Hour* and *Come Rain or Come Shine* had the theatre in silence, at times, or audience members singing along, at others.

But it was an a cappella version of *Torn Screen Door* that really showcased his talents and left viewers breathless.

Joined on stage by musicians Mark Westberg and Chris Coole, the trio performed songs from Francey's latest album *So Say We All*.

Along with being a gifted songwriter and singer, Francey, who is originally from Scotland, has a strong humour gene that came through in between his sets.

Stories about his beloved wife Beth, his upbringing and tales from touring had the audience in stitches. Whether singing or talking, it was clear Francey was a true storyteller in every sense of the word.

The concert included a partnership with Heritage Ballet studio, who provided refreshments during intermission as a fundraiser for the dance studio. The HCFS also partnered with the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands to feature the work of two local artists, Wendy Wood and Nadine Paps, during the intermission.

County signs new broadband deal

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County is entering into a new agreement with Bell for the provision of high-speed Internet to a number of publicly owned buildings that will increase the number of public wireless hotspots in the municipality.

The deal, facilitated through the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, will cost the county approximately \$360,000 and see improved high-speed Internet service extended to 24 public buildings.

Rogers Communications Canada Inc. has informed the county of its intention to shut down its wireless network in the municipality by the end of May. This will affect eight points of presence at public buildings in the county.

"We need fibre everywhere, we really do," said treasurer Laura Janke, adding that the county should be

doing anything it can to move toward that. "What Bell is telling us, is they are growing the fibre network."

The request for proposals (RFP) for the project was done through EORN, seeking an optimal deal for the 13 municipalities that comprise the area represented by the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

"I think it's important to point out the county is not the author of this RFP," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve and County Warden Carol Moffatt. "This is not a residential fibre project. It's municipal connectivity."

The county contributed \$500,000 to the \$170-million EORN broadband project that was completed in 2014. That project attempted to provide high-speed Internet to 95 per cent of homes and businesses in the area, although many residents in the county are still without access. Many residents have also expressed discontentment with the quality of the satellite Internet service meant to fill the gap areas.

The buildings that will be connected through the new project include the Haliburton County office on Newcastle Street in Minden; the Dysart, Gooderham, Minden,

Willberforce, Highland Grove and Cardiff branches of the Haliburton County Public Library; the Dorset Recreation Centre/library/Algonquin Highlands office on Main Street in Dorset; the Tory Hill and Minden EMS bases; the Algonquin Highlands office on North Shore Road; the Dysart arena; the Rails End Gallery; the Dysart township office; the Highlands East township office; the Minden Hills arena, the Minden Hills township office; the county public works garages in Ingoldsby, Eagle Lake, Kinmount and Highland Grove; the Dysart roads garage; the Haliburton Highlands Museum; and the Minden Hills roads garage south of Minden.

Moffatt noted that some of the locations may seem strange, but said the county is not an easy sell for telecommunications companies and that at this point it's about providing as many points of presence as possible.

Moffatt also said the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus is working on trying to close the gaps in Internet service and that Xplornet is working on a rural wireless gap analysis.

Tourist info centre to close at year's end

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County will close its tourist information centre along Highway 35 in Minden at the end of the year.

County councillors made that decision during a Jan. 27 council meeting.

At a tourism committee meeting Jan. 13, tourism director Amanda Virtanen presented members with options regarding the future of the centre.

One was to leave things as they are. The second was a relocation of the centre. The third was to close the centre at the end of April.

Of the 3,700 walk-ins the centre had last year, nearly a third of those people were there solely to use the washroom. Excluding the salary of the tourism information clerk, the centre cost \$62,000 to operate last year.

Excluding the visitors who came just to use the wash-

room, Virtanen said this meant the cost for each customer engagement at the centre last year was \$23.58, versus the .0003 cent per customer cost of each digital consumer impression the county makes online.

"Would we ever spend \$62,000 on an ad that reaches 3,000 people?" Virtanen put it to committee members.

The plan to close the centre caused concern among members of a tourism stakeholders group that makes recommendations to the tourism committee.

Comments from a Jan. 20 stakeholder meeting submitted to council stressed the importance of face-to-face interaction and bed and breakfast operators said they sometimes get last-minute business from people who stop at the info centre looking for a place to stay.

"This issue has raised a lot of concern in the community," said County Warden Carol Moffatt, who said the decision was one of council and added that Virtanen had taken undue flack from some members of the public. "For the public to be unfair to a staff member for something she is not responsible for is not appropriate."

"There's obviously been a lot of reaction to this . . . some of it's knee-jerk and heartfelt," said Algonquin

Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Daniels, who suggested extending the closure date of the centre until the end of the calendar year.

The county's tourism information clerk will work out of the county office on Newcastle Street in Minden and Virtanen pointed out the closure of the centre will give her more time to be out in the community helping with tourism initiatives.

"The tourist information clerk can be of assistance out in the community if she is not tied to that building," Virtanen said.

Councillors were comfortable with the closure of the centre, a concept they seemed to agree is outdated and not worth the money it's costing the municipality.

"It's way out of sync on a value basis," said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin. "What we're talking about here is metamorphosis. We're going to do a better job. We're going to change it, but we're going to do a better job."

The county leases the Highway 35 building from the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Check for recalled food product

As part of a national food recall of pre-packaged salads and greens, the local health unit is contacting institutions that serve food to vulnerable populations (hospitals, long-term care homes, retirement homes, child care centres), restaurants and grocery stores to check for recalled products.

On Jan. 22, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) issued a recall for salad products manufactured by Dole Fresh Vegetables Inc. at its Springfield, Ohio plant due to possible Listeria monocytogenes contamination. The recall includes Dole brand items as well as items sold under other brand names. These products can be identified by letter the "A" at the beginning of the manufacturing code found on the package. The full list of recalled products can be found on the CFIA website at www.inspection.gc.ca.

Public health inspectors with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit have been contacting local restaurants, retail outlets, and organizations that serve food to ensure they do not use the recalled products. Any operators that still have the recalled products are being told to throw it out or contact their supplier to return the product.

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Spilling the beans on Haliburton roastery

JENN WATT

Editor

Oliver Zielke gets a charge when he thinks of people across the Highlands sipping coffee he roasted. He imagines them in their homes and offices, preparing for their day at work or enjoying a conversation with friends, their minds lighting up with a hit of caffeine and their taste buds tingling with the fruity flavours of freshly roasted beans.

Imagining the role his product is playing in the lives of people around him and those he will never meet is one of his motivations for running JBean's Roastery, a venture he started in 2015 in Haliburton Village.

Zielke and coffee roaster Barry Stromberg have a small, but well-oiled operation in the former Heritage House Café on Pine Avenue. Together, they have created two roasts for sale: a medium roast Rainforest Alliance certified Colombian and an organic, Fair Trade certified dark roast.

Of utmost importance to Zielke is the freshness of the bean.

"You get this giant antioxidant hit with fresh roasted. The goodness of the bean will go stale like any food over time," he says. To that end, JBean's lists the roasting date on each bag of its beans, which are available at Haliburton Foodland, Aprons and Soaps, Country Kitchen Bulk Food Store and soon at Todd's Independent. It is also the coffee served at Millpond Restaurant in Carnarvon.

Zielke has long been a roasting fanatic. It started about 25 years ago when he was living in Toronto. One day, on his way to work, he decided to stop at a shop called Merchants of Green Coffee at Bayview and Queen in Toronto. There he learned about the benefits of freshly roasted coffee and he started roasting at home.

"Fast forward 25 or 30 years I walk in this front door and there's young Jordan Brown roasting beans with a home roaster," he says, gesturing to the bar area of the former café.

For a brief period after Heritage House closed, Brown had reopened the restaurant first under the name Old Meets New, later changing it to JBean's Café and Roastery.

While Brown has since exited the business, moving to Toronto, the roasting continues. Zielke opted to keep the JBean's brand, but the café no longer exists.

At the end of last year, Zielke decided to further his knowledge of coffee by heading to Jamaica.

"It's the closest coffee farm you can fly to," he says. During his trip, he was able to see first-hand how the cherry-like fruit on coffeea plant is harvested.

"There's the woman, and she's got a bucket and she's picking a red cherry off of a bush and putting it her bucket. So she fills her bucket. And they have depots around the Blue Mountains [of Jamaica] and people put them there. And the company comes and gets them and then processes that cherry, which is the fruit around it ... and then you dry it," he says.

"Then it comes by sea in shipping containers and in Toronto there's literally thousands of tons in Mississauga and the trucks are just coming back and forth."

Several burlap sacks of green coffee beans are stacked against each other in the JBean's space. From there, Stromberg and Zielke will roast them two pounds at a time, producing a maximum of six pounds an hour.

Stromberg has become adept at fine-tuning the pro-



Coffee roaster Barry Stromberg stands with the roasting machine at JBeans in Haliburton in the old Heritage House Café building. JBeans coffee is sold at Foodland in Haliburton, Todd's Independent, is the coffee served at Millpond in Carnarvon and can be delivered to your office by request. Photo submitted

cess, Zielke says, creating his own roasts and trying new things. He also handles many of the deliveries around town to grocery stores and to his office subscribers. (JBean's offers a service of bringing beans to office customers and setting them up with the equipment necessary to enjoy a fresh brew.)

With about 80 per cent of the adult population drinking coffee, Zielke believes there should be enough of a market in Haliburton County to keep JBean's roasting

well into the future. But success depends on local people being willing to support a local roaster.

"Those personal choices can totally transform what young people are doing, the health of the county," he says.

To contact JBean's, go to <http://jbeans.ca> or email Zielke directly at oliver@web.net or call/text 705-455-2954.

County grants bylaw relief for clear cut in Algonquin Highlands

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Staff Reporter

County councillors have granted a request for relief from the the municipality's tree-cutting bylaw for the clearing of six acres of a red pine plantation in Algonquin Highlands.

The owner of a woodlot off Tulip Road near Carnarvon filled out what is considered a minor relief application to clear six acres to use agricultural land as a wildlife feeding area, growing wheat, clover, etc.

According to a report from county conservation officer James Rogers, there is evidence the property was previously used for agricultural purposes.

"The plantation is approximately 40 years old and has

recently been thinned out under a good forestry practices regime," the report reads. "There is evidence of previous agricultural use of this portion of the property. Upon review of the application and a visit to the site, it appears that the clearing of this area will not have a significant impact on the forest resources of the area on a landscape level. No issues were identified in the Species at Risk database, however, it is the applicant's responsibility to exercise due diligence with respect to the Endangered Species Act."

The application form stated the cleared lumber would be utilized and not destroyed and that a 40-foot buffer of mixed softwood would be left between the cleared area and the roadway.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Daniels expressed concern over the application.

"Here comes my tree-hugger hat," Daniels said. "It

doesn't seem minor to me. There's wildlife everywhere." Daniels said she also did not consider the use to be agricultural.

Rogers said there was no set definition for what constitutes minor relief.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve and County Warden Carol Moffatt said she didn't understand the idea of cutting down wildlife habitat in order to feed wildlife.

"There's very little undergrowth, if any," Rogers said.

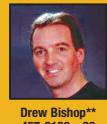
Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin, who previously worked in the forestry industry, said he'd seen cases where there'd been more wildlife on a property following a clear cut.

Devolin said he had no problem with the application.

"The pine plantation is a manmade construct," he said.

"I don't have a problem with it."

The application was approved by council.

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Wolves dominant in home stand

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Heading into the final stretch of games of the Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League's regular season, the Wolves gave their home fans something to cheer for, beating the Coldwater Falcons 6-2 in a penalty marred game.

The win on Thursday at the A.J. LaRue proved to be very sweet for the north division's eighth place Wolves, as it ended a six game losing streak and added distance to the ninth place team.

Wolves coach Josh Shaw said it was important win for the morale of the team.

"We needed it for the morale of the dressing room because you know they were starting to get a little testy. Practices started to get a little heated, which is not necessarily a bad thing because the boys were showing they cared and showed some passion so that I didn't mind. We needed this to kind of exhale a little bit," he said.

This was Shaw's second time coaching against Coldwater after the 9-6 loss at home on Jan. 10.

Shaw called the win "a little bit of payback."

He loved his team's first period when the team took the body, completing checks, and out hustled their opponents. They even stayed out of the penalty box (except for offsetting minors) and capitalized with a pair of powerplay goals for the 3-0 lead.

Although the team cruised to victory it wasn't without some challenge in the second and third period.

Shaw said the team spent most of the second and half the third in the penalty box. The Falcons did their best to help out though, filling up their score sheet with penalties, warranting an additional sheet.

"The boys did a good job killing the penalties off and you saw what we finished with. We had three or four guys on the bench so the boys dug deep and came away with it," he said.

Wolves' team assistant Connor Sikma scored the eventual game-winner and led the team in points, but also played physical and strongly at the backend, even diving in front of a puck in front of the net in the last seconds of the game with the win already secured.

"It's his first game back. He's been itching to get back for a couple of weeks so he's one of them," he said, referring to the concussion that forced his defenceman to miss a few games. "Nick Hunter another one. Another guy that [usually doesn't get] noticed is Dave Nashalook. I swear to God he leads the league in blocked shots because he gets them up here," he said, pointing to his chest. "At the end of the game he's filled with bruises. The guys do throw their bodies in front of the pucks and they lay their bodies on the line for the team, which shows a lot of heart."

Sikma finished with three points (two goals and an assist). He was named the second star of the game.

Zack Thorsen got the Wolves going with the first goal of the game and finished with two points, adding an assist on James Kilgore's goal in the second period.

Ryan Hunter added one with a minute to go in the first after connecting with Thorsen for an assist. Hunter had two points before his altercation led him to be ejected from the game.

Malik Henry rounded out the scoring in the third period to finish the game 6-2.

Other assists came from Nick Hunter (two) and Lachlan McKenzie.

Starting Wolves goalie Motoki Watanabe got the nod for the first star, turning aside 41 saves for a .953 save percentage. It's his fifth win of the season.

With the playoffs looming, the win was important to stay ahead of ninth place Coldwater.

The playoff format dictates that ninth and 10th place teams must play in a sudden death single game. The winner plays the eighth place team in a one game playoff and then the winner of this game moves on to the playoffs with the rest of the league as the last seed to play the best of the north division in a new series.

Watanabe's brother Maskaki re-injured his wrist and is done for the season.

Defenceman Jacob Bishop, forward Jayden Southwind and Braydin Hollows missed the Coldwater game due to suspension. All of them are expected to play for the team.

Andres Roy served a two game suspension for fighting after the whistle and will return this week. McKenzie,



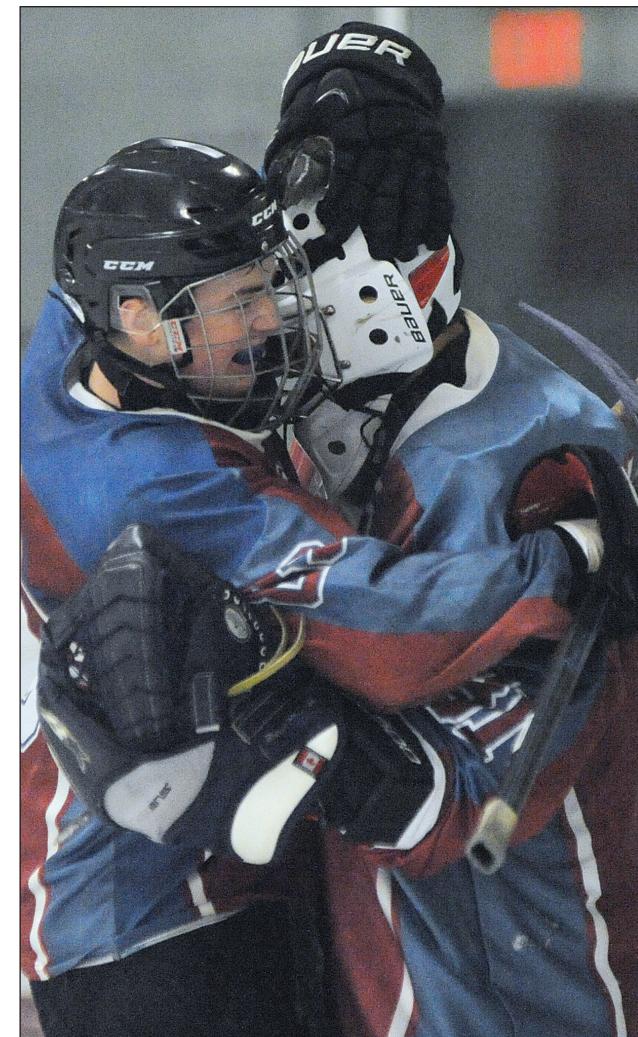
who was facing suspension for intent to injure, is likely gone for the season.

Consistent play is something Shaw wants more of, but with suspensions and injuries he recognizes the challenge of a depleted roster and accepts what he can expect from his team.

"The thing is to get them to play well consistently. It's hard to ask them to skate full tilt, every shift. All I do is I just ask them to give me 100 per cent every shift. Whatever they got," he said.

Since writing this article the Wolves lost on the road 17-3 on Friday to the South Muskoka Shield (32-5-1) and then bounced back at home on Sunday with a 18-8 win against the north division basement dwelling Bobcaygeon Storm (3-32-1). Records as of Sunday, Jan. 31.

The Wolves' Zack Thorsen scored the eventual game-winner and earned the first star in the win. He ended up with five goals and seven assists while teammates Nick Hunter, who had 11 points (four goals and seven assists) and James Kilgore, who had nine points (four goals and five assists) rounded out the star selections in that order.



Above, the Haliburton Wolves Brendon Shecapio-Blacksmith skates up ice, as a Coldwater Falcons defender works to impede him in Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League action on Thursday at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

The Wolves jumped out to a 3-0 lead and outlasted the visitors 6-2 in a penalty filled game.

Right, the Haliburton Wolves forward Zack Thorsen and goalie Motoki Watanabe hug after the 6-2 win. Thorsen finished with two points (goal and assist) while Motoki earned the win and a first star of the game./DARREN LUM



Dreaming of coming dragon boat season

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Before Joannie Ransberry, 70, came here from Stouffville to retire she used to watch the dragon boats paddle by her home on Musselman Lake and wonder.

The mother of six grown children and retired newspaper reporter didn't have to wonder any more after joining the local dragon boat club, the Haliburton Highlands Paddlers because of an open house last year advertised in the *Echo*.

Just before joining the club, she chose her house in Carnarvon without knowing much about the area during a random search for a house. The average prices of the homes she first saw when compared to what she was used to from the Greater Toronto Area blew her away. The affordability and the natural beauty of the area, which she continues to discover and characterizes as a "little utopia with all these lakes," motivated her to pick the Highlands as her retirement home.

Months after her first season ended she calls dragon boat paddling one of her favourite things she has ever done in her life.

Ransberry said there's nothing quite like being part of a team of more than a dozen paddlers working together to paddle across a lake in the 41-foot long dragon boat named Susanna Foo on a crisp morning in the Highlands.

She remembers the intensity of the start and the rush of the experience at her first race.

"I was amazed at the speed we all went and the other boats. [I was] very competitive in a race. I didn't know I was that competitive. I'm usually not," she said.

In dragon boat parlance races are held as part of events called festivals.

The shorter races, she said, only last close to two-and-a-half minutes.

"You feel it at the end of that two-and-a-half minutes. You're just trying to give it all the power you can. You have to be in sync. That's where it gets tricky," she said.

Paddling together with more than a dozen other paddlers is an amazing feeling and requires practice.

"There's something about being in sync. I don't know. We all kind of feel that way. You feel very good being in sync that you're part of ... no one person is more important than the other," she said.

She adds this an affordable recreation for anybody, particularly those on fixed incomes.

The club provides the boat and the pad-

dles. Participants must provide their own CSA approved life jackets and are encouraged to bring or wear anything to be more comfortable.

There isn't any pressure by the coaches or other members to perform to an unreasonable standard. The emphasis is on fun and the atmosphere is positive, encouraged by the wonderful members.

"You don't have to be an Olympian and that's good. The technique is not difficult to learn at all so it's an easy learn," she said.

Despite what she thought the paddling technique requires less arm strength and more of her core strength and legs.

This was her first return to water sports in 40 years. She retired more than a year ago after a 51-year work life and has savoured the time for recreation. She only missed one session from last year and has joined a snowshoe club, participating regularly.

Joining the club was part of her new life and has enabled her to not just meet people, but also become active.

Being active is important for the retiree with diabetes and a heart condition.

"If you don't stay active you die," she said.

She adds her father was active up until he died at the age of 92.

Open to people from 14 and up, the club welcomes everyone and encourages young people to join.

She adds the age differences are insignificant when it comes to the friendships made and the experience of being part of the group that works to a common goal.

"The age goes out the window. It has nothing to do with your relating to the people or really your physical [capability]," she said, believing she will do this until she is 80. "Nobody should ever feel they are too old ever or too young."

This club is for everyone, she said. Even for her with a heart condition she knows her own body and never feels pressure to do more than she can.

The club's second annual open house event is at 1:30 on Feb. 7 at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association in Haliburton. It is appreciative for the support from Patient News, RPM and Rodco Enterprises.

Club members meet at the dock near the back of Patient News publishing, starting in May and ending in September.

A season membership is \$125 if paid before Feb. 29 and after that date the cost is \$150. The club encourages drop-in paddlers to try it out on Sundays from 1:30 to 3 p.m., which includes a brief introduction and lesson. The cost is \$15.

Joannie Ransberry, 70, is looking forward to spring. She came here from Stouffville to retire last year and discovered she loved dragon boat racing after she joined the local dragon boat club, the Haliburton Highlands Paddlers. The club, which welcomes anyone from 14 and up, is holding its annual open house on Feb. 7 at 1:30 p.m. at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association fish hatchery, located at 6712 Gelert Road in Haliburton. For more information call Carolyn Ellis at 705-457-2464./DARREN LUM Staff

"I was fairly sad when it was over for the season. It was kind of interesting because you run into teammates here and there. There's just this bond with us," she said.

For more information on the club call Carolyn Ellis at (705) 457-2464.

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Local snowcross competitor Izac Reid flies over a jump during the SCMX/CSRA National Snowcross race from Jan. 22 to 24 in Trois-Rivières Quebec. Photo courtesy of Shelby Mahon, Back Country Photography and Design.



Izac Reid appreciates his family and friends. Reid is racing in the sport 600 and pro-Lite classes in the CSRA. Follow him on Reid Racing on Facebook. Reid's sponsors this season are Byers Equipment Motorsports, TEAM LTD, CARQUEST of Minden, County Sign and Display, Jug City, the Highlander, Back Country Photography and Design - By Shelby Mahon, Fly Racing, Tekrider TekVest, Haliburton Timbermart, Old No. 7, Cranberry Cove Enterprises, Gamma, Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Limited, Dragon, Dayco and Timbir Contracting. /DARREN LUM Staff

Finding the rush with every hole shot

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Like the graffiti script on a wall, Izac Reid shows his left arm with the tattoo, "Live to ride."

It drives his passion in life and is part of why he races a snowmobile in snowcross.

Racing isn't just what the 16-year-old Minden teen does for fun it's who he is and what he thinks about a lot.

Motor racing has been a part of his family ever since he was young.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 11 student has been racing for five years in the Canadian Snowcross Racing Association (CSRA). Snowcross includes several high powered sleds, vying for the same lines and the same goal, winning.

The races are on a course that includes a series of jumps, various degrees of radius curves from short to long sweepers and straightaways. Think motocross and you get the idea.

A successful race in snowcross depends on the "hole shot" – being the first competitor to the opening corner.

"You got to focus everything on that light. When the green light goes the first one to the first corner has a huge advantage not only because they're in first, but the roost from other snowmobilers from snow going in your face just slows you up. When you get out front you can just ride really clean. Full vision. Nothing to worry about," he said.

At the line, when all the competitors are revving their engines, keying on the start, Reid focuses.

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"I just keep telling myself that I want that hole shot worse than they do. I want to be there first. I need to be there first to the first corner," he said.

He's always looking to win, but loves to race regardless of the outcome.

This season Reid is competing on his Polaris sled in the sport 600 and earning experience in the pro-light classes.

He had a strong opening to the nine race CSRA series at the International Snowcross Grand Prix in Rouyn Noranda, Quebec on Jan. 16/17. Reid finished first and third in sport there and then capped it off with a seventh in pro-Lite. He was leading the overall points in the sport class after the event.

A week later in St. Alexia Des-Mont, Quebec at the SCMX/CSRA National Snowcross Triple Crown where the field of competitors was far greater because it included Quebec and Ontario riders, Reid wasn't as fortunate and did not have any notable finishes.

As of writing, Reid was excited about racing indoors this past weekend at the Royal Distributing Cup National Snowcross in Barrie at Georgian Downs.

It's a great opportunity, he said, to enable his entire family, including his wheelchair bound grandfather to watch him. This race was also where he cut his racing teeth, having raced for the first time there. Two years after he started there he got his first CSRA win.

Reid earned the podium in the sport 600 finals on both days in Barrie, capturing first on Saturday and a second place on Sunday.

With Snowcross the track is never the same.

"When you're on an ice rink all the ice is going to be the same. A basketball court is always going to be the same and a dirt bike track they change a little bit, but snowcross track it could be soft snow and then with 15 sleds out there the track completely changes every lap of a race. You just have to be ready for anything," he said.

He has a personal track on his family's property where he regularly rides three to four days a week to stay sharp if his sled isn't in need of repairs.

The "whoops" – a series of tightly placed jumps on a straight, similar in look to a several camel humps – are the real challenge for him, he said. It not only requires strength and stamina, but also focus to not make a mistake.

When it comes to the rush of catching air or hitting the perfect line there's not much that's better. Reid has done it on everything bikes, ATVs and dirt bikes to snowmobiles.

"Anything I could get on, I pretty much like to jump.

It's always been one of my favourite things. I like to get in the air," he said.

The teen is quick to point out that while racing getting air isn't part of being fast.

He appreciates the all of the support he has received in his racing career. His parents (sometimes his sister) and family friends Jeff and wife, Carleen Milburn, have always been there cheering him on, supporting him any way they can, whether it was with morale or with mechanical help.

It's this family atmosphere that really stands out to the teen.

"I've never had a sport that has so many families involved. Every team is just so friendly and family-based. Everybody's out there to have fun and win at the same time, which is great," he said.

He said it started with them as spectators of snowcross racing.

Like any type of racing, there are crashes, but because of the limited racing lines on each course there can be a lot of contact between sleds and riders.

The physical jostling between as many as 10 other sleds doesn't bother Reid after several years of experience. He accepts it's part of the sport.

Long term, Reid has set his sights on making the pro open class.

He has considered a professional career, but knows that would most likely be possible in the US where the sport is larger in its coverage, fields, support and purses are greater.

With several years, he has matured as a racer and took the main lesson taught at this past summer at a fitness bootcamp to heart, which is to always "ride smart."

"Focus one step at a time when I'm on the track. Take one corner at a time, one jump at a time. You can't start thinking of the end of the race before the end of the race or you'll crash or something will happen," he said.

Reid has applied it to his off-season workouts, which have evolved into focusing on muscle stamina instead of strength and include stretching. His ability to recover from a weekend of racing has dramatically improved. He will compete close to 12 motos/heats (races to make the finals) a weekend, not including practice sessions.

He wants younger riders to understand the bigger picture instead of being overly aggressive.

"You just got to remember ride smart ... until last year I was always the kid that was placing some weekends and other weekends I'd over ride and crash and not finish some races. It's all about consistency," he said.

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Novice Storm ties Bracebridge Bears

The Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm needed a win this weekend to move on, however they just couldn't pull it off. The first game was an overtime loss with the final score 5-4 for the Bracebridge Bears. Goals were scored by Kadin Card, Addison Carr, Graeme Armstrong and Colby Coumbs. The second game was a 4-4 tie. This was a nail biter. The Highland Storm trailed for most of this game. But they were not going to lose. The Storm tied the game up in the third to put the game into overtime. However, the next 10 minutes stayed scoreless and the Storm had to take the tie. Goals scored by Nathan Morrison, Mak Prentice, Cheyenne Degeer and Isaac Lee. Next weekend the Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm play Feb. 6 at 4:30 p.m. in Gravenhurst vs the Bracebridge Bears and Feb. 7 at 3 p.m. in Haliburton at the A.J. LaRue arena vs Bracebridge Bears.

Submitted by Amber Card

Tykes end weekend with 10-0 victory

The Tom Prentice and Sons/RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team travelled to Parry Sound on Saturday, Jan. 30 to compete in the Parry Sound Three-on-Three Fun Day tournament. It was a great day of fast hockey. The Highland Storm Tyke team divided their squad into two teams. Both Storm teams played extremely well and remained undefeated until they had to square off against each other on two different occasions. Rookie goaltenders Hudson Horsley and Deagan Davison each earned themselves a victory, while each Storm team ended the day with a 5-1 record. Every Storm player netted themselves a bundle of goals and assists. Congratulations team on a great day.

On Sunday, Jan. 31 the Tom Prentice and Sons/RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team were back on the ice in full team form facing off against Parry Sound. As soon as the puck dropped the Storm set the tempo of the game with many rushes, passing plays and offensive scoring chances. It was another shutout for Chase Winder, the Storm goalie. Goals were scored by Connor Byrne, Brechin Johnston, Vanek Logan, Jace Mills, McLean Rowden and Josh Scheffee. The Storm team ended the weekend with a 10-0 victory and left Parry Sound with many great moments to celebrate. Way to go, Storm!

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

Midget A Storm reflect on season well played

The Dollo's Foodland and Smolen's Dentistry Highland Storm Midget A team hosted the Parry Sound Shamrocks on Friday night in Minden for game two of their best of five playoff series in which Parry Sound leads 1-0. The game opened with a defensive effort on both sides and it wasn't until the second period, on a clean Shamrock breakaway, that they notched the first marker and followed it up with a power-play tally to end the second period with the Storm down 2-0. The Storm came out in the third with a renewed offensive effort and Andrew Hall scored midway through to bring the home side within one but that is as close as they could come as the Shamrocks scored an empty netter in the last minute to ice the win 3-1.

Saturday night the rivalry shifted locations to the enchanted confines of the Bobby Orr Community Centre in Parry Sound where the Storm needed a win to extend the series. Both sides again came out with a defence – first scheme but the Shamrocks were able to break through on the powerplay to put one past alternate goalie Ethan Howe in his first start of the series. With renewed intensity Haliburton's Mac Rider evened up the affair less than a minute later but the home team was

able to sneak two more past Howe to finish the period with a 3-1 lead. Coach Wood changed up goalies, to the veteran Parker Smolen, to begin the second and perhaps give the team an offensive spark. With the Shamrocks in their magical defensive shield the Highlanders had a rough time creating sustained pressure and the second ended identical to the first period with a 3-1 score. The tight checking continued throughout the third with Parry Sound tallying with just over three minutes left to spell the game and the series. In true sporting fashion both teams shook hands and the Storm wished them well on their continued journey in the Midget playoffs.

I would like to thank head coach Gord Wood for his tireless effort and patience this year as he hangs up his coaching blades after 16 years! I would also like to send my appreciation to assistant coach Paul Gonyea, trainer Tom Prentice and manager Karena Crofts for the many hours (and many emails in Karena's case) to make this team happen, give our teenagers a respectful and organized place to play hockey and to keep the parents informed.

Submitted by Katie and Dave Howe

Midget B Bancroft Jets lose exhibition game

The Bancroft I.D.A./Canadian Tire Midget B Girls Jets played an exhibition game against the Ancaster Avalanche on Saturday afternoon in Minden. The Jets (15-3-4) hosted the Avalanche (11-6-5) from the South Central loop to keep their game focus during their first round bye in league play-offs. The Jets will play the winner between the Cold Creek Comets and the Lindsay Lynx sometime after the Feb. 21 first round deadline.

On Saturday, Bancroft jumped out to an early 1-0 lead on the first shift of the game. Kenndal Marsden surprised the Ancaster net-minder with a quick snap shot from the high slot that went off the blocker-side post. Midway through the first period Katie Funk gave Bancroft the dreaded 2-0 lead. Sydney Feir's pass sprung Funk on a neutral zone breakaway where she let go a bar down rocket wrister beating the Avalanche tender cleanly.

The Avs continued to pressure the Jets and netted their first goal late in the third period tucking home a rebound to get on the scoreboard. Ancaster tied the game at 2-2 on the first shift of the second period when they finished off a breakaway from a nice breakout pass to get their play started. The Jets went down 3-2 with less than a minute left in the second period when a defensive zone breakdown led to a third unanswered goal. Kenndal Marsden had a chance midway through the third period to tie the game up on a penalty shot after being tripped up on a breakaway but the Avs tender stopped the deke attempt. Try to stay game ready Jets and practice with focus as you await your second round league play-off competition. Continue to work on your neutral zone puck management, limit your defensive zone breakdowns and use your offensive zone puck possession to create and capitalize on your scoring chances ... a key component to steal the tight games. Your second half of the season will need your focused efforts to win the tough league play-off and provincial play-down challenges to extend your post season. Good luck the rest of the way Jets!

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Peewee AE Storm takes on Otters

The Walker's Heating and Cooling Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team Peewee AE's travelled to Huntsville on Saturday to take on the Otters in game one of

the best of five preliminary round playoffs. The Storm killed off an early penalty and then took a 1-0 lead on a Tyler Martin goal. The Otters would score twice before the end of the second period in a game that was relatively quiet and similar to a couple of heavyweight boxers feeling each other out in the opening rounds. The Storm tied the game early in the third on a Brendan Coumbs spin-a-rama but the Otters responded shortly after to regain the lead 3-2. The Otters then got an insurance marker with just under a minute to go to take the opener 4-2.

The teams met again on Sunday back in Haliburton for game two and the Otters would set the tone 30 seconds in off the opening faceoff to take a quick 1-0 lead. Brendan Coumbs would tie the score with a high wrist shot just inside the post a few shifts later. That would be as close as our locals got; the Otters would go on to dominate the remainder of the game easily winning 10-1 and putting the Storm in a must-win situation on Tuesday when they travel back to Huntsville for game three.

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

Peewee A off to great start

Sunday afternoon the JoAnne Shapley's Source for Sports Highland Storm Peewee A team clinched round one of the playoffs, winning game three by a score of five to nothing against the Parry Sound Shamrocks. Alex Little had four assists and Darian Maddock was solid in net recording his 12th shutout of the season.

The Storm displayed a high energy that surprised the Shamrocks from the beginning which served well to set a tone that the Storm were willing to regulate. Fast transitions with crisp first passes and smart dumps-ins had the Shamrocks constantly pivoting and not able to gain much possession and consequently any momentum. The Storm struck first with a goal from centre Joe Boice at 2:22 of the first, which was the only goal of the period. Few players have matched the tenacity and hunger forward Dylan Keefer plays with this season, and this game was no exception. Keefer had another multi-point game scoring one and assisting on another, winning 50-50 pucks along the boards and being a complete nuisance in the Shamrocks' zone. The second ended with the storm up two to nil, and the visitors fading fast. The third period started with a bang when forward Nick Phippen showed a beautiful touch tipping a Alex Little blast from the point bar-down, and just the way they drew it up in practice. When on his game and focused, Nick Phippen displays dynamic skills, and hockey a IQ, that pays dividends in all three zones. Ten minutes later Boice added another which seemed to zap the life out of the visitors and their ruckus supporters. All but one anyway. Aaron Bellefleur scored the fifth goal, which sealed the deal on this convincing win, and closed out round one of the playoffs in a clean sweep. Congratulations boys, but it only gets harder from here!

Submitted by Trevor Maddock

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

DATE: Monday March 7th, 2016
TIME: 5:00 pm
LOCATION: Council Chambers in the Municipal Office
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Weeks:

- Purpose and Effect: The proposed by law will change the zone on the subject lands to regulate the proposed waterfront residential use. It recognizes the location of the existing dwelling and implements the requirements of the Official Plan.
- Zone change from "WR4L" to "WR3L-x" and "WR3L-xx".
- This application is a condition of application for consent H-32/15
- Location: Part Lots 23 and 34, Concession 9, Lots 9, 10 and 11, Plan 626, Geographic Township of Guilford (1253 Paint Box Lane, Redstone Lake).

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al to the Ontario Municipal Board.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 2nd day of February, 2016.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S. MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning and Development

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Dated Events

Minden Legion Initiation Day

When: February 6 1:00 pm
Where: Minden Legion
The public and all members encouraged to attend. Light lunch to follow.

Highlands Trio

When: February 6 4-7 pm
Where: Minden Legion
Minden Legion will be holding an Initiation Day. All members encouraged to attend. Light lunch to follow.
No cover charge, donation for band. Food available

MINDEN: S.T.O.P. (Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients) Program

When: Saturday, February 6, 10 am.
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St. George's Anglican Church Pancake Supper

When: Tuesday Feb. 9/16 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Where: Haliburton Legion
No cost, donations only
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HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, February 10, 10:30 am to Noon
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, BBQ Lunch

When: Sat. February 13/16, 10:30 - 2:00 pm (Family Day Weekend)
Where: Intersection of Rail Trail B103 and HCSA #9 in Donald Come and join us for a BBQ lunch, meet other club members and Directors and see how a Groomer works.
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Contact: hcsa.ca or ejesseman@bell.net

Family Day Weekend Pancake Breakfast (presented by Haliburton County Fair)

When: Sunday, February 14th 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Where: Minden Community Centre, S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena (upstairs)
55 Parkside Street, Minden
Cost: \$8.00 (children under 6 eat free). Includes pancakes, sausage and a beverage

Shocking news in Wilberforce

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Hilda Clark
448-2018

Many in this community are in shock and very saddened that Tom Rivers died this past weekend. He lost his life in a snowmobile accident on the narrows of Dark Lake here in the village. Thankfully three others survived. Sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

At their monthly get-together members of the local book club shared their experiences reading *The Massay Murders*, a Canadian novel based on an actual case. It proved a fascinating read for those with family and general interest in Toronto history circa 1915, the First World War, handling of legal cases at that time and the importance of newspapers. For others it was of less interest. February's book is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society*. The format of this novel is a series of letters. Should be fun keeping track who is writing to whom.

Bingo now will be available on Wednesday evenings at the Lloyd Watson Centre starting this week. Players who have been deprived of their weekly games since

fire destroyed the Harcourt Community Centre will be delighted that their organizers have made these arrangements.

The *Aprons and Early Lighting* exhibits held at the Outpost Historic House Museum in 2015 were two of the highlights reported on at the AGM of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild (WHG) on Jan. 25, 2016. The objective of preserving and promoting the history of this area remained very important in 2015 as the operation of the Outpost continued, as did hosting special events and fundraising.

A major project, still ongoing, has been the establishment of two websites that will record and tell the stories of early settlers, veterans of the First World War and Second World War and historic sites in this area. This follows up on the cultural mapping begun by the Municipality of Highlands East and is supported by a grant from New Horizons for Seniors.

If you or your contacts wish to contribute information, written and photographs, that could be added to these sites please contact the Heritage Guild by leaving a message on the Outpost phone 705-448-3000 or Hilda at 448-2018.

Expect regular reports on The Loop Troupe's progress as cast and crew set their sights on preparing for an entertaining show of *Who Murdered Who* for audiences on the evenings of April 22 and 23.

Artists' vision powered Art Hive

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Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

In the not so long-ago days when my mother was young, she boarded at the home of Tom and Leitha Welch, next door to Tom's store which until last weekend had been known as The Art Hive for a number of years. Erin Lynch and several dedicated volunteers kept this artists'

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IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE ALONG THE SHORE OF STORMY LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HERINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Monday, the 14th day of March, 2016** at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 28, Concession 13, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Greg Bishop, O.L.S., dated June 24, 2014.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 2nd day of February, 2016.

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collective going strong with displays of and sales of variety of fine handcrafted work. Pottery, paintings, jewelry, fabric, woodwork and preserves made up much of the fine, attractive and useful showing. The collective artists are to be congratulated upon their vision for this centre and persistence in keeping it going throughout the nine years.

Please contact Craig Stamp 754-0915 if you can help with keeping the rink cleared after snowfalls. That same Guilford rink space has begun the hockey career of some of the best NHL players we know and we are proud of each of them. It could also be the beginning of figure skater champions. Let's keep it going.

Feb. 13 is the annual Maple Lake United Church's Valentine concert. Kathleen receives calls asking to be included on the programme, so great is the interest from year to year. Call 754-3558 for details.

Snowshuffle date will appear soon. It's usually a Saturday in February.

Gerald Morrison and son Seth are travelling to Nicaragua for ten days in connection with Gerald's work heading up his job of Mennonite mission.

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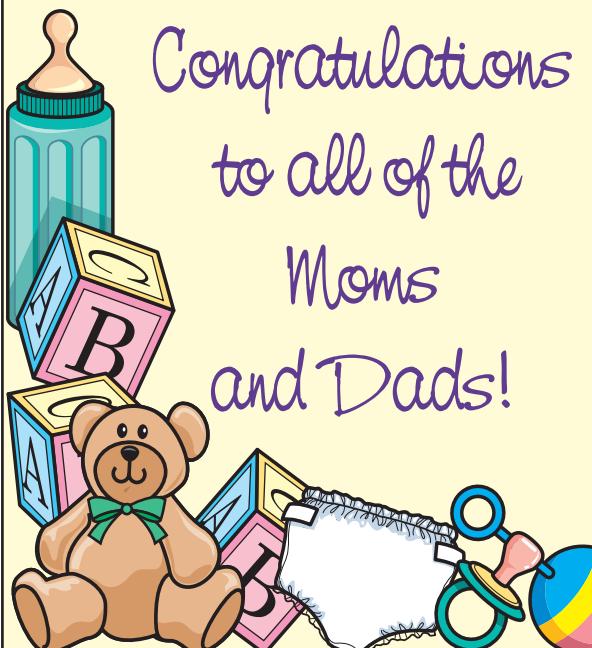
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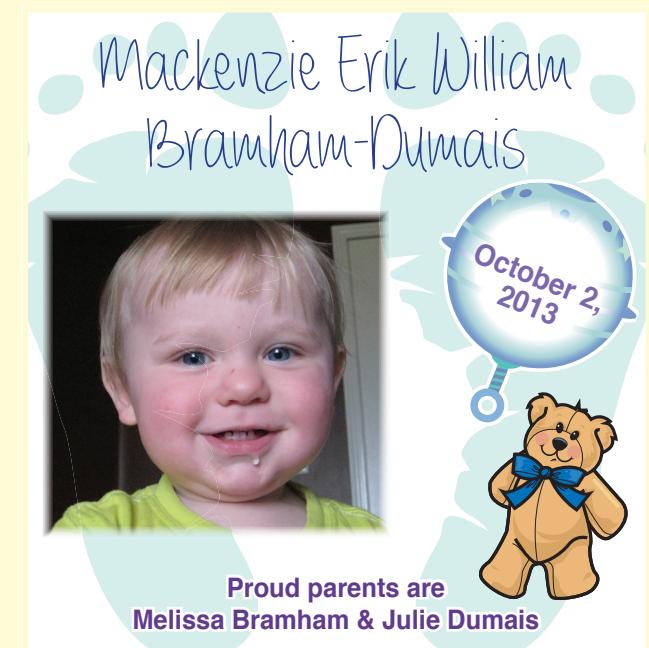
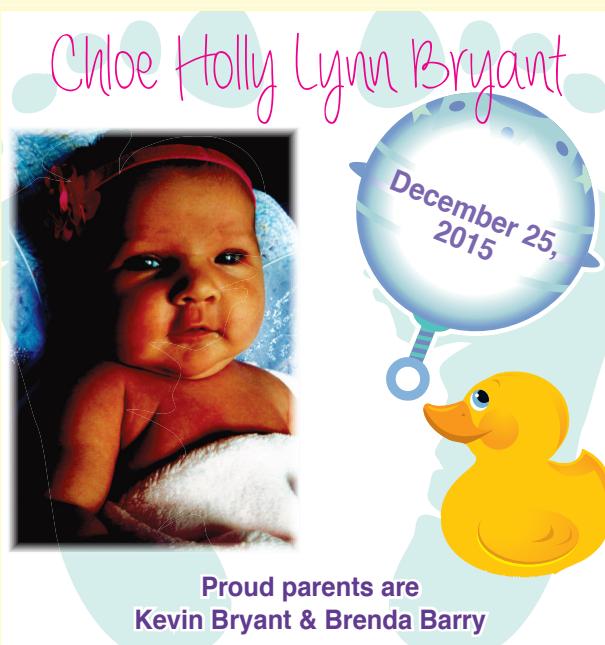
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Private Family Arrangements

A Private Family Gathering will take place. Interment Evergreen Cemetery later. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation Highland Wood would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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Bruce Conboy
(Resident of Carnarvon, Ontario)

Peacefully at South Muskoka Memorial Hospital in Bracebridge on Friday afternoon, January 29, 2016 in his 85th year. Beloved husband of Brenda Conboy (nee Peirce) for close to 56 years. Loving father Cheryl (Larry Parsons) and Frank all of Minden. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Elizabeth (Don) and Allan. Predeceased by his brothers Doc, Jim, Norm and by his sister Dorothy. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews and by his brother-in-law / friend Cam (Pam) and by his many friends. Bruce was an Industrial Electrical Electrician with the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) for almost 30 years. He enjoyed woodworking, hunting, fishing and inventing contraptions to make life easier.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Friday evening, February 5, 2016 from 6 until 8 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Saturday afternoon, February 6, 2016 at 2 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). Cremation to follow. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #636 Minden or the Arcadia Masonic Lodge Minden would be appreciated by the family.

Masonic brethren are asked to assemble at the funeral home for a Masonic Service on Friday evening, February 5, 2016 at 7 o'clock.

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Mary Doherty (nee Sloan)

*Peacefully passed away
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Born in Ayr, Scotland Mary moved to Canada as a young woman and worked at Eaton's where she met her loving husband Michael. Mary and Michael were successful owners of the Paradise Hotel from 1974 to 1979. In retirement Mary enjoyed many years in Haliburton, Toronto, Whitby and St. Catharines.

In Mary's memory, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

Keith Tyler

of Lucknow passed away January 28, 2016 at Wingham Hospital at the age of 73. He was the beloved husband of Barbara (Markle). Keith was born April 9, 1942 in Haliburton, Ontario to the late Olive Swann and Randolph Tyler. Dear father of Doug & Sharon, Tracy & Tina, Kim & Shawn Woods, Kirk & Julie, Lance & Judy Sanderson, and Lana & Steve Neeb. Proud grandpa of Andrew (Nicole), Trevor, Jessica (Eric), Julia (Greg), Drew, Hayley (Justin), Craig, Karley (Owen), Olivia, Warren, Derek (Janet), Krista (Shawn), and Taylor (Tyler). Great-grandfather of Cassidy and Silas. Survived by his sister Shirley Woodcock (Murray), Meg Lane (Hugh), and sister-in-law Jean Tyler. Predeceased by his siblings Charles, Doreen Smith, and Ronald. Visitation was held at MacKenzie & McCreathe Funeral Home, Lucknow on Sunday, January 31, 2016 from 2-4 & 7-9 pm. The funeral service was conducted on Monday, February 1, 2016 at 11:00 AM from the Lucknow United Church. In lieu of flowers donations to the Wingham & District Hospital Foundation or the Lucknow United Church were appreciated as expressions of sympathy. Memorial information and condolences online at www.mackenzieandmccreathe.com

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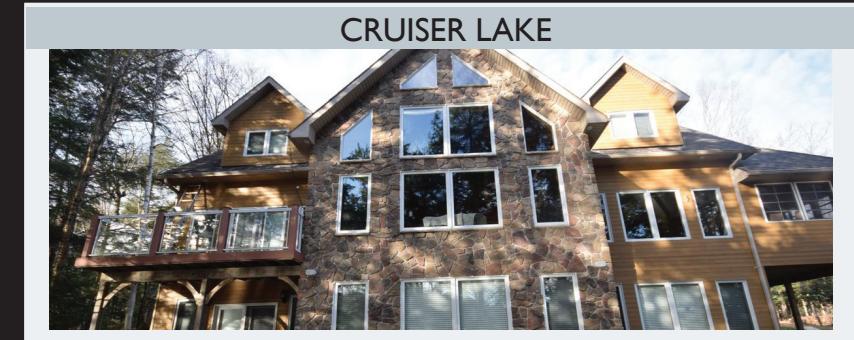
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